also like to endorse whatever has been said by Shri Ashok Mitra and Shrimati Sarala Maheshwari.

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MATI MARGART ALVA): Sir, this is an issue which is not limited only one particular country in the South East Asia. Yesterday, I read a detailed report on what is happening in Britain. Maids from Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and the Philipnes are taken on a certain contract and when they reach there, their passports are taken away by their employers. The contract are torn up and they are literally like, you know, undefined slave labour because they are under the total control of those who take them. An organisation has been established in Britain to protect the rights of these oversees maids and certain demands have been made to the British authorities to protect them. Therefore, I would like to say that we are also concerned with what is happening. The Minister of Labour, Mr. Sangma, is here and I am sure the Government will look into the complaints about our own women who are working outside, whether in the Middle-East, whether in Singapore or whether in Britain because this is an issue of protection of women, the weaker sections, who go out for employment. We are concerned and we will certainly look into it.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: The Labour Minister should react to this.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): I agree with what you said.

RE. LARGE SCALE DEFAULTY BY NATIONALISED BANKS

SHRI K. R. MALKANI (Delhi): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the way the nationalised banks are functioning in this country is not only scandalous, but it borders on the criminal Sometime back the Reserve Bank of India had notified all the nationalised banks that 5,729 individuals and companies had defaulted to the tune of Rs. 30,000 crores and that in future no loans should be given to these parties and no investments made in projects sanctioned by these companies. However, the same banks have invested Rs. 45,000 crores with these guilty companies and individuals. As a result of all this our banks have been losing year after year. Most of the banks are running into loss. In the year 1993-94, our nationalised banks ran up a loss of Rs. 4,668 crores while the foreign banks made huge profits to the tune of Rs. 573 crores in the same years. The point is: why the Government is not publishing the list if people who have defaulted. We have asked the hon. Finance Minister on the floor of the House, again and again, to publish this list. He talks of confidentiality between the bank and the customer. We are not asking for business secrets of these companies. But there are individuals and companies who borrow money and do not pay back. There cannot be any confidentiality between criminals and the police, the defaulters and the Government. If the Government is honest, if the Government believes in transparency it must make this list public. The Reserve Bank's list of all these 5.729 individuals and organisations must be made public. We know that when small people default, their names are hung up in the banks. But these criminals, the big sharks, are protected by the Government. We would like to know whether there is any allince between these business houses and certain elements in the Government. Year after year this has been going on. Has the Government taken any action against the bank directors

who have okayed these loans. These are the people who okay these loons. who okay these investments. Has the Government taken action against these people? If not, why not? I am very sorry to say that in the name of nationalisation, banks have not only been governmentalised, they have been Congressised. Only those people who are with this party who tow the party line, are appointed as directors. Their pets and their friends get loans. When the scam broke over this country, the hon. Finance Minister said that he did not lose his sleep over it. I am glad to hear that our hon. Finance Minister sleeps well. But I would suggest that he sleep the sleep of the innocent and he should not sleep over the screaming scandals.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal): This is an absurd situation. The Reserve Bank of India has prepared a list of the defaulters. About one or two newspapers have published this list. But when we ask for this list inside the portals of the Parliament, we are told that this list is confidential? This is not the way to treat the representatives of the people and I would, through you, Sir, make another request to the Government that they should not stand on ceremonies, but tell us who these crooks are who are cheating the people.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir,.....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): No, no. I have identified Mr. Nilotpal Basu.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal): Sir, this matter is very serious, particularly in the light of the fact that whenever we put questions for increased budgetary allocations the only argument that the Government is giving is that there is a resource crunch, but we see that thousands of crores of rupees are going into the pockets of certain unscrupulous dealers who are operating in connivance with the top bank officials. On the other hand, today morning there was a question that when the banks are asked to advance loans to the people who are living below the poverty line, they are told that they cannot repay the money. For Government's schemes these people are not getting money* Therefore this is high time—we have enough of scams—when the Government forthright came out with the list of people who constitute the non-performing assets and dubious loans.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): It is not distributed to the Congress side. ... (*Interruptions*)

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश): उपसभापति महोदय, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण प्रश्न है। मैंने कई प्रश्न वित्त-मंत्रालय से इस बारे में पूछे, लेकिन हरेक को यह कहकर टाल दिया गया कि यह गोपनीय सूचनाएं हैं और हमारे नियमों के अनुसार जानकारी सदन को नहीं दी जा सकती। अगर हजारों करोड़ रूपये का घोटाला है तो भारत के इस सदन को देश की जनता को यह जानने का अधिकार नहीं है कि वह यह जान सके कि राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में किस तरह से हजारों करोड़ रूपये का, जो गरीब जनता का धन है' जो लोगों ने यहां डिपोजिट किया है, जो लोगों ने वहां जमा कराया है, उसका किस तरह से दुरुपयोग हो रहा है और किस तरह से हजारों करोड़ रुपया देश के उत्पादन से हटाकर के कुछ बेईमान लोगों के हाथ में दे दिया गया है? मैं आपके माध्यम से यह अपील करना चाहूंगा कि नियमों में इस प्रकार की कोई बात नहीं है, जिसके कारण से यह जानकारी आप सदन से रोक सकें। यह तो केवल अनावश्यक रूप में कुछ धाराओं का दुरुपयोग किया जा रहा है। मैं चाहूंगा कि इसकी जानकारी हमको सदन को प्रश्न के माध्यम से अवश्य मिलनी चाहिए जिससे कि सारे देश को यह पता लग सके कि राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों में क्या हो रहा है?

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I had writien a letter to the Finance Minister, what

Mr. Malkani has raised, regarding the bridge loan given by the Allahabad Bank to M. S. Shoes. A loan of Rs. 10 crores was given within seven days without any board meeting. A bridge loan of Rs. 20 crores is given when these issues are falling. This has crashed. There was no reply from the Finance Minister on this account. ... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Mukherjee, as I understand, Mr. Malkani has raised a general subject. If you want to speak on that you can speak. ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, I want to give a specific instance of that. I am speaking about M. S. Shoes to whom the Allahabad Bank gave a loan within six days without any board meeting. I had written a letter a month back to which the Finance Minister did not reply| Where did that money go? Sir, Rs. 20 crores loan was given within 15 days... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): Sir, the Damania Airways have submitted forged documents to the State Bank of India ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI E. BALANANDAN (Kerala): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir... (*Interruptions*)...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Sir, individual cases should not be discussed in the House. ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: It is a known fact. The whole issue has collapsed and the money has gone into the drain. I have the right to say that the public money has gone into the drain ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Mr. Mukherjee, Mr. Malkani has raised the issue of large-scale default by the nationalised banks which is a general subject. If you want to raise a specific point then you ask the Minister.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (Bihar): That is a part of the issue which Mr. Malkani has raised. One nationalised banks has given Rs. 10 crores ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHEAJEE: I am coming with a specific case. I am giving it i nwriting. Let it be replied. ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI K. R. MALKANI: The hon. Member has raised a specific case. There should be a reply from the Minister ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:: Kindly take your seat... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the hon Member has raised a specific point the Banking Division of the Finance Ministry has become a thieves' kitchen.

Re. PHASING OUTB OF PUBLIC SECTOR BY DOT

SHRI E. BALANANDAN (Kerala): Sir, I wish to invite the attention of this august House to the special methodology by which the Department of Telecommunications are killing the public sector cable manufacturing industry... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH (Bihar): Vice-Chairman, Sir, the entire Treasury Benches are empty. Nobody is here (*Interruptions*). What is this ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Members are here. (*Interruptions*). Kindly take your seats (*Interruptions*)